

**Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Friday December 4, 2009 at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, Montgomery Alabama with the chairman and secretary present. Board chairman, Teresa Young, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a. m. Ms. Young introduced newly appointed board member Ms. Mandy Andrews, District VI representative. There was a quorum of members present including:

District V member, Teresa Young – Board Chairman

District I member, Sharon Argiro – Board Vice-Chairman

District III member, Leisa Askew- Board Secretary

District IV member, Paula Johnson

District II member, Janet Rawls

District VII member, James Ware

District VI member, Mandy Andrews

Executive Director, Brenda Holden, and Assistant Attorney General, Ellen Leonard, were also present. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes

A copy of the minutes was provided to each Board Member. After review one correction was needed to reflect that Janet Rawls, District II representative was not present at the October 22, 2009 Board meeting. A motion was made by Paula Johnson to approve the change in minutes and approve the minutes as they stand. James Ware seconded the motion. Mandy Andrews abstained from the vote. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a.) Complaint Status: Executive Director, Brenda Holden, reported that there are 3 open complaints, 2 new complaints and 1 standing complaint on which the hearing will be at 11:00 AM today.
- b.) The Board reviewed and approved the list of new licensees.
- c.) The proposed fee increase was discussed and reviewed by the Board. Teresa Young provided a copy of the past fiscal year budget for reference on the Board's financial information. The last fee increase was in 1998. Janet Rawls made a motion to increase the renewal fee to \$80.00 effective January 1, 2011. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. There was open discussion about the fee increase. A vote was taken for the motion to increase the renewal fee to \$80.00 effective January 1, 2011. By a show of hands, Leisa Askew, Janet Rawls, and Paula Johnson were in favor. Opposed to the motion were Mandy Andrews, James Ware, and Teresa Young. Sharon Argiro abstained from the vote. James Ware made a motion to table the motion for the fee increase,

Paula Johnson seconded the motion, a vote was taken to table the motion Mandy Andrews, James Ware, Paula Johnson and Leisa Askew voted in favor. Janet Rawls, Teresa Young and Sharon Argiro voted in opposition to tabling the motion. The motion to table passed 4-3.

New Board Business:

- a.) Executive Director, Brenda Holden, stated that she has been asked to speak at the April Alabama Gerontological Society (AGS) 2010 Annual Conference
- b.) James Ware made a motion for Brenda Holden to attend the 2010 Alabama Conference of Social Work in February. Janet Rawls seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c.) Dr. Jennifer Savage requested to re-schedule addressing the Board about social work practice at the clinical level for the next scheduled Board meeting.

Board Chair, Teresa Young, called a recess at 10:36 for 10 minutes.
10:44; Board meeting resumed

- d.) Mr. Randle Mellen's application for LBSW was reviewed by the Board. Teresa Young made a motion for Mr. Mellen to be present at the next scheduled Board meeting. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Executive Director, Brenda Holden, will invite him to the next scheduled Board meeting.
- e.) Donna Jean Austin-Southern's application for LGSW was reviewed by the Board. Teresa Young made a motion for Ms. Austin-Southern to be present at the next scheduled Board meeting. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Executive Director, Brenda Holden, will invite her to the next scheduled Board meeting.

At 10:50 a.m. James Ware requested a recess until the end of the public hearing.
12:55 Board meeting resumed.

PIP Applications:

- a.) Linda S. Eades- approved for Social Work Administration, denied for Clinical Social Work.
- b.) Melissa D. Alexander denied Clinical Social Work.

Other Requests:

- a.) INR submitted a self-study program "Humor & Healing" and a classroom program titled "Food Addictions, Overeating & Mood Swings". Both were approved. The classroom program was approved for 5.5 hours.
- b.) The Board reviewed Margaret Smith's request for CE waiver for her PIP renewal. The Board granted a one time waiver.
- c.) The Board reviewed Lynne C. Abbott's request for CE waiver for her PIP. The Board has requested more information.
- d.) The Board reviewed Jeannie Burton's request for CE program. Sharon Argiro made a motion to deny approval, James Ware seconded the motion. Voting to

deny the CE program were Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Teresa Young, Mandy Andrews and Paula Johnson. Leisa Askew and Janet Rawls opposed the denial. The motion passed 5-2.

Proposed Date, Time and Location of next meeting:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2010 in the Board Conference Room. James Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p. m.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary

Teresa Young, LCSW

Leisa Askew